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THE GOOSE EGG,
IS SYMBOLIC FOR
NOTHING; WHICH IS
WHAT THIS ISSUE
IS ALL ABOUT.

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### MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Rocky Mountain Branch of the CRHA will be held at the Cromdale Carbarns of the Edmonton Transit System, on Tuesday, March 10th. at 8.00 pm.... This will feature a talk by Mr. J.J.Bakker, who is traffic consultant to the City of Edmonton, on the future plans of the Transit System.

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# STREETCAR NO. 1.

Progress is now quite rapid, since the tearing down has been completed, and the actual rebuilding has begun. The roof is completely re-canvassed and tarred. The side clerestory frames need sanding and painting. The trolley pole and base are ready to be mounted. On the side of the car, sanding has begun, but it is a very slow job.

The original wood is to be used on the outside and where rotting has occured .... e.g. along the rain strip above the windows.... the bad parts will be treated with wood filler. The car foreman of the ETS recommends that the sides NOT be sanded mechanically as there is a chance of "burning" the wood too deeply. This would force us to replace more wood that is neccessary.

So, if some of you fellows would like to spend a few hours sanding, please come out. There is plenty of sand paper and the more hands, the shorter the job.

Meanwhile, the electricians have been busy rewiring the car which has made it possible for the carpenters to cover the ceiling as the old veneer had detoriated badly. It is being replaced with masonite, and, when painted, will look the same as the old white

veneer did in the past. Meanwhile the trucks are still standing at either end of the car, and the motors are nearing completion.

All in all, things are looking good for ERR No. 1.

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